Application No. 09/378,226 Reply to Office Action of August 23, 2007

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the

following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-30 are presently pending and stand allowed; and Claims 8, 12, 20, 27, and

30 are amended by the present amendment. The changes to Claims 8, 12, 20, 27, and 30

correct minor informalities. No new matter is added.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that (1) the scope of the claims is not

changed by the present amendment; (2) no additional search or examination is required; and

(3) the claims are allowable for the reasons stated in the Notice of Allowance of August 23,

2007.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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